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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-73

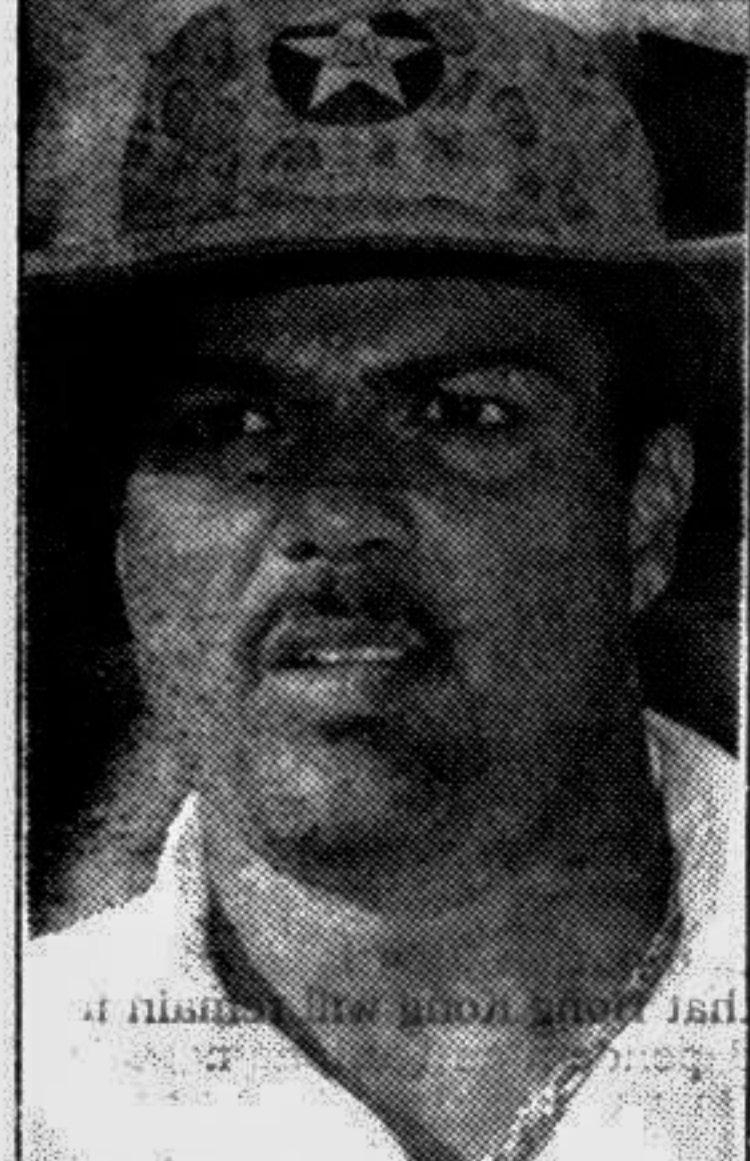
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Competition closes 8 pm, July 11, '97

- 1 Who is the third fastest server in men's tennis circuit at the moment?  
Rusedski Rosset Krajick
- 2 How many warm-up matches will Bangladesh play before the World Cup in 1999?  
Four Three Six
- 3 How many matches has Shahbaz played for Pakistan?  
219 220 221
- 4 What is the position of Bangladesh in FIFA rankings for June?  
137 138 139
- 5 Who lifted Cote Premier handball league title?  
Ansars Menjis BDR

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SPORTS TALK



**Ijaz Ahmed**  
(Pakistan batsman)  
"If you are poor, you have only your performances to speak for you. You always tell yourself that unless you put in your 200 per cent, you will not make it... Since I came from a very poor family, there was not much hope of someone coming to my rescue."  
(On his gritty comeback to the national eleven).

Fiesta overcomes the odds

LA PAZ, June 30: The 1997 Copa America was finally put out of its misery Sunday, as Brazil beat Bolivia 3-1 in a final between the only two teams who really took it seriously, reports Reuters.

Most of the other 10 countries took part under protest and their attitude was reflected by the soccer itself, with matches turning into dreary encounters played in nearly empty stadiums.

A few games came to life but heavy-handed policing by the host nation, malfunctioning showers, a diplomatic row over a flag, another display of Argentine bad temper and an attempt to move the goalposts overshadowed the action — or lack of it — on the field.

The South American Football Confederation (CSF), which organises the event, argued that its competition was the victim rather than the cause of an overweight fixture list.

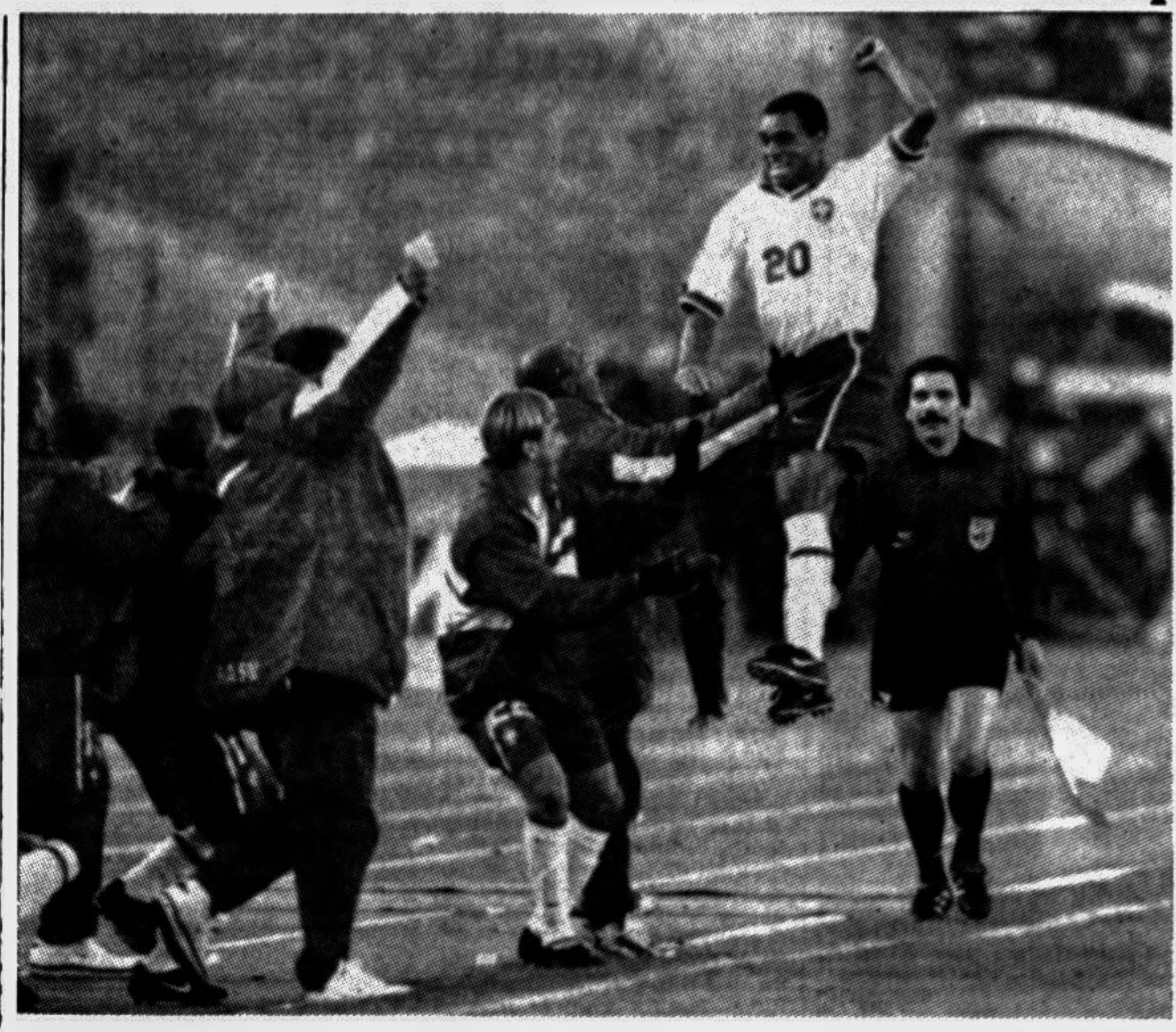
Jorge Barraza, the CSF's spokesman, said the competition had been set up 10 years ago while the marathon South American World Cup qualifying competition, which involves each South American country playing 16 matches in 18 months, had been arranged less than two years ago.

Barraza said the national federation, with the backing of world soccer's governing body FIFA, had wanted the new look World Cup qualifiers. But it was the Copa America, squeezed in between World Cup qualifiers, that suffered as most teams concentrated on reaching France next year.

Argentina were one of the most reluctant guests and like Chile, Uruguay, Peru, Ecuador, Mexico and Colombia chose to give their top players a rest.

Argentina's initial reluctance turned into a walkout threat after they became victims of the organisers' attempt to change the rules.

Having finished second in their first round group, Argentina were supposed to play their quarterfinal against the second-placed team in Group B in Sucre, which at 2,700 metres above sea level is roughly the same height as Cochabamba, Argentina's first round venue.



Brazilian Denilson (20) joins his mates on the bench after deadlock has been broken in the Copa America final against Bolivia in La Paz on Sunday. The world champions ran out 3-1 winners. —AFP/UNB photo

Brazil's first away Copa

LA PAZ, June 30: Brazil won the Copa America the hard way on Sunday, surviving a second half bombardment and then scoring twice in the last 15 minutes to beat Bolivia 3-1 in the Sunday, report agencies.

Brazilian ace striker Ronaldo had looked one of the players least likely to score until the 78th minute and Ze Roberto added the finishing three minutes into injury time. The victory gave the world champions their fifth title.

The two goals came after Brazil, clearly struggling to cope with the difficulties of playing at 3,600 metres above sea level, had been run-ragged in the second half.

Edmundo, standing in for the injured Romario, had given Brazil a first half lead but the world champions were on the ropes from the moment that Taffarel relieved his La Paz nightmare.

A horrendous misjudgement by the Brazil goalkeeper — a veteran of two World Cups — on the stroke of halftime allowed a 35-metre shot by Erwin Sanchez to sneak between him and the post for the Bolivia equaliser.

Four years ago, Taffarel had scored an own goal as Bolivia beat Brazil 2-0 to hand them their first and only defeat in a World Cup qualifier.

Brazil, clearly hampered by the thin air and cold, were only half the team that had won their five previous games at sea level in Santa Cruz.

Their well-oiled tactical system simply ceased to function, and at times in the second half

the Bolivians, who like Brazil had a perfect per cent record on their way to the final, appeared to have an extra two or three players on the field.

Bolivia, sensing Taffarel's uneasiness, took spot shots at his goal from outside the penalty after the break.

Brazil were saved by the crossbar twice while several other shots went flying narrowly wide with the beleaguered goalkeeper seemingly uncertain as to whether to leave them or not.

But Taffarel also made up for his blunder, making a superb save on the hour to parry away a powerful, close-range drive by Julio Cesar Baldivieso. Shortly afterwards, he dived bravely at the feet of Sanchez to make another important save.

Edmundo had put Brazil in front in the 37th minute from a rebound after Bolivia goalkeeper Carlos Trucco had failed to hold a low, swerving 30-metre kick by Roberto Carlos.

The 45,000 crowd, who had seen their team enjoy the better of the first half, were briefly silenced but came back to life again after Sanchez's equaliser.

A Bolivia goal seemed only a matter of time after the break until Ronaldo, who has been the subject of a tug-of-war between European clubs over his future, latched on to a long through ball by Denilson and scored with a powerful 20-metre drive.

It was the fifth goal of the tournament for Ronaldo, who had barely touched the ball in the second half.

Substitute Ze Roberto finished off a sweet move to score again in injury time, after the Bolivians had clearly lost

heart.

Bolivia's players claimed that Edmundo had elbowd Luis Cristaldo in the second half but the Brazil striker was immediately substituted by Paulo Nunes with referee Jorge Nieves seemingly oblivious to the trick that was being played.

Nieves left numerous crude tackles unpunished and never mastered the art of keeping defenders nine metres away at free kicks.

It was the first South American title for Brazil since 1989, and the first time in 11 finals away from home.

For Brazil's veteran trainer, Mario Lobo Zagallo, this was an especially sweet victory. He is the only person in the world who has won four World Championships either as player or as technical director. Zagallo played in the 1958 and 1962 teams that won the World Cups. And he was a trainer in the 1970 victory in Mexico and 1994 victory in the United States.

On Sunday, he added another record: The trainer of the first Brazilian team to have won the Copa America on foreign soil.

Bolivia's technical director Antonio Lopez said Sunday night that his team paid a high price for daring to attack Brazil.

"We lost to the best team in the world," said Lopez at a press conference after the game.

Lopez, who is from Spain, regretted that Bolivia had a couple occasions to score but did not take advantage of this.

"We did everything possible to please and reach the title," Lopez said. "Bolivia deserved a better result."

penalty in the first round game with Argentina and saved one from Brazil's Ronaldo as Paraguay were beaten 2-0.

The outspoken Paraguayan captain, however, failed to find his touch with his trademark free kicks, though he did claim to have received an offer to play as a kicker for an NFL team.

Eyebrows were also raised when Argentina were awarded four penalties in two matches, remarkably, in each game midfielder Marcelo Gallardo missed the first and scored from the second.

The most controversial refereeing was saved for Bolivia's 3-1 semifinal win over Mexico.

Mexico had a penalty turned down and claimed Bolivia's equaliser had not crossed the line, that the free kick from which Bolivia scored their second goal had been wrongly awarded and that their defender Claudio Suarez had been wrongly sent off.

Mot controversial of all, however, was the way in which Mexico coach Bora Milutinovic, one of the most placed people in the game, was surrounded by riot police during the protests which followed Bolivia's equaliser.

Brazil, who as world champions qualify automatically for the World Cup next year, were able to bring all their multi-million dollar stars and not surprisingly provided most of the high spots.

Their 3-2 win over Mexico in the first round, after they had trailed 2-0, was one of the best games seen anywhere this year. And in their semifinal, they hammered seven goals past the hapless Peruvians.

In the final, they succeeded in overcoming the difficulties of playing at 3,600 metres above sea level to beat Bolivia 3-1.

Brazil were clearly suffering from the thin air but never gave in, hanging on grimly.

Big wins for Ajax, Azad

Sports Reporter

Ajax Sporting Club recorded their eighth victory in the ongoing Green Delta First Division league with a comfortable 5-1 win over Wari Club in their penultimate match at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 1-0.

In a one-sided affair, Shuvo struck twice while Rana, Mukti and Prince scored one each for the Elephant Road outfit. Shamim pulled one back for Wari Club. Centre half Rana put Ajax ahead in the eighth minute with a magnificent scoop from a goalmouth melee while Mukti doubled the margin flicking the ball home from a Prince pass after two minutes.

Prince, the tall Ajax centre forward, then sealed the first half through a brilliant field goal in the 19th minute.

After the breather, Wari vying for a berth in the proposed eight-team inaugural Premier league next year, raised some hopes for a draw when Shamim reduced the margin converting a penalty corner in the 37th minute.

But their hopes faded soon as Ajax, stunned by the goal, retaliated with two goals. Shuvo scoring both in the 56th and 66th minute respectively.

The win raised Ajax's tally to 26 points from 14 matches and kept them fifth in the 16-team league table. On the other hand, Wari remained glued to their previous collection of 18 points, two points adrift of Azad Sporting Club who moved two points clear into eighth with a 4-0 victory over Police Athletic Club in other match.

Yamin netted twice while Rubel and Jubayer added one apiece for Azad.

It was the sixth win for Azad so far in 14 matches which raised their tally to 20 points.

Police, who have already confirmed their relegation to Second Division next year, suffered defeat number 14.

US, El Salvador split points

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, June 30: Roy Lassiter scored six minutes into the second half and put another off the crossbar in the final minute Sunday before the United States settled for a 1-1 draw with El Salvador in a World Cup qualifier, reports AP.

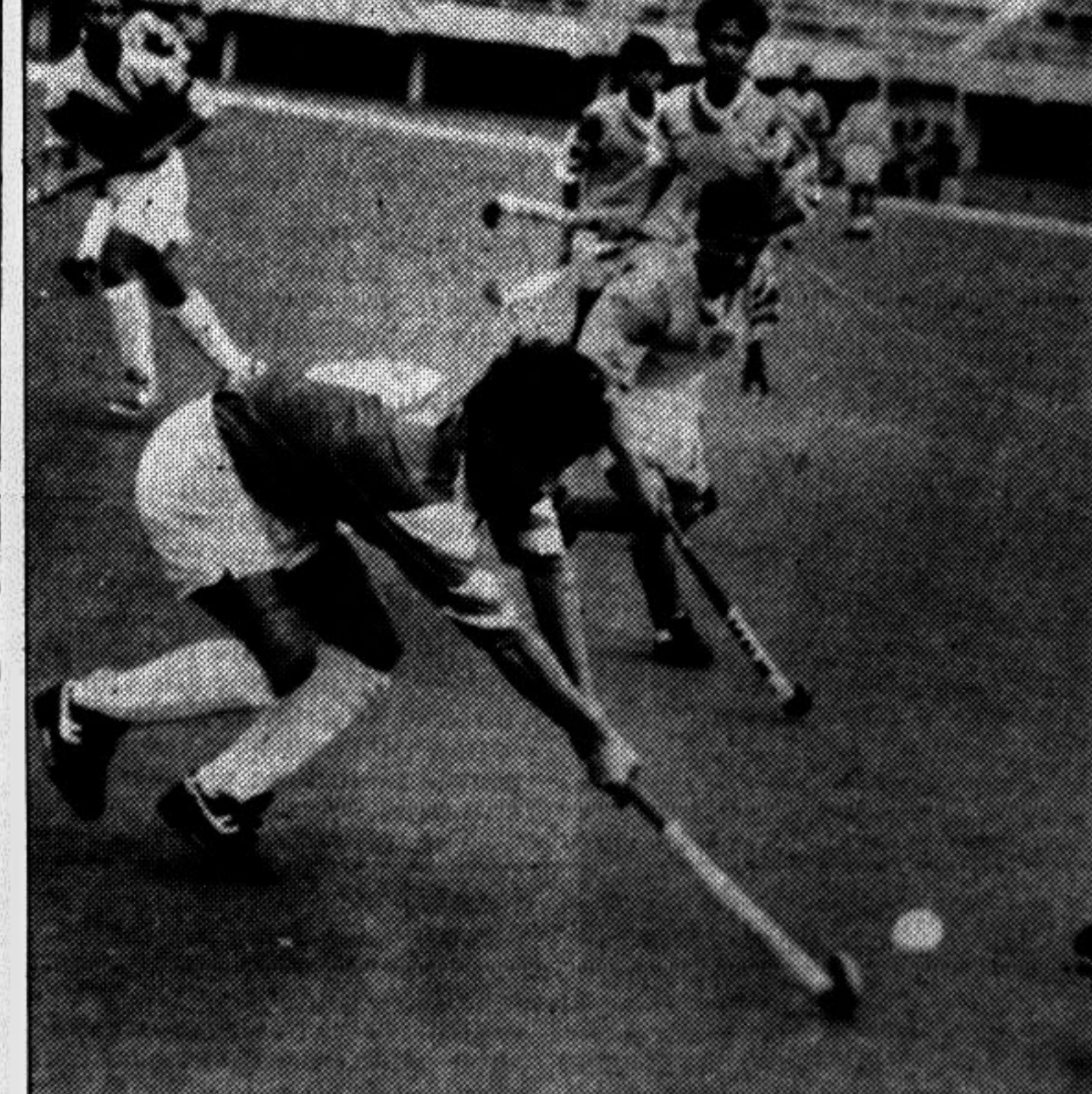
The draw left the Americans (1-3-1) alone in third place with six points in the six-team, final round of CONCACAF qualifying, which reached its midpoint Sunday.

El Salvador improved to 1-2-2, and fourth place with five points.

Mexico lead qualifying with 11 points, followed by Costa Rica with seven. The top three qualify for the World Cup finals in France.

The game was played before a raucous, but well-behaved 38,000, a match that the US State Department had warned of possible crowd violence due to disturbances in El Salvador's previous game against Mexico.

"It is important to get points on the road. It is always a positive result," US coach Steve Sampson said. "This was a tie with some disappointment. We played well enough to win, particularly in the second half."



Action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division league encounter between Ajax Sporting Club and Wari Club at the National Hockey Stadium. Ajax won 5-1. —Star photo

Bite might end Mike

LAS VEGAS, June 30: (Reuters): Is it the end for Mike Tyson?

After being disqualified from their title fight Saturday night for biting both of Evander Holyfield's ears, a chorus of condemnation rained down on the man who a decade ago became the youngest world heavyweight champion at the age of 20.

"I think he's just written his final passage in boxing," said venerable boxing historian Bert Sugar. "That's it, good-bye Mike."

"I am very disappointed and ashamed of Mike. He is maybe something that everyone has said: An immature kid who has never grown up and never will," Sugar opined.

Joe Hawk, boxing columnist of the Las Vegas Review Journal called for Tyson to be banned from the fight game forever after the shocking display.

The Nevada State Athletic Commission, which regulates boxing in the state, is holding an emergency meeting Tuesday to decide whether to fine him or suspend his licence for Saturday's startling end to the eagerly-awaited rematch with Holyfield for the World Boxing Association heavyweight title.

The Nevada legislature's senate judiciary committee met Sunday morning and voted to amend its "unarmed combat legislation" which covers boxing. Under new rules, ear-biting

will be banned and may result in a fine of up to 50 per cent of a fighter's purse. Up till now, they could only fine Tyson 10 per cent of his 30 million dollars payday.

Referee Mills Lane disqualified the challenger before the start of the fourth round after Tyson twice bit Holyfield's ears. The champion lost a small chunk from his right ear from the first bite and will have to undergo re-constructive surgery since doctors were unable to re-attach the torn flesh.

Not only did Tyson bite his opponent, but after the disqualification, he had to be restrained from getting at Holyfield as a melee erupted in the ring.

The champion's lawyer, Jim Thomas, said he has not ruled out filing charges for the ear-

biting. If charged with assault, Tyson could be in violation of his parole following his jail term for rape.

The incident sparked a surge of creativity among newspaper headline writers. The Las Vegas Review Journal referred to it as "the bite of the century" and the Los Angeles Times called the bout a "bite to the finish." Then there was the Calgary Sun's "chump chomps champ."

Boxing writers and insiders, who once hailed Tyson as one of the greatest when he captured the world title in 1986 with a combination of menace and a killer punch, questioned not only his boxing ability and sportsmanship, but also his mental stability.

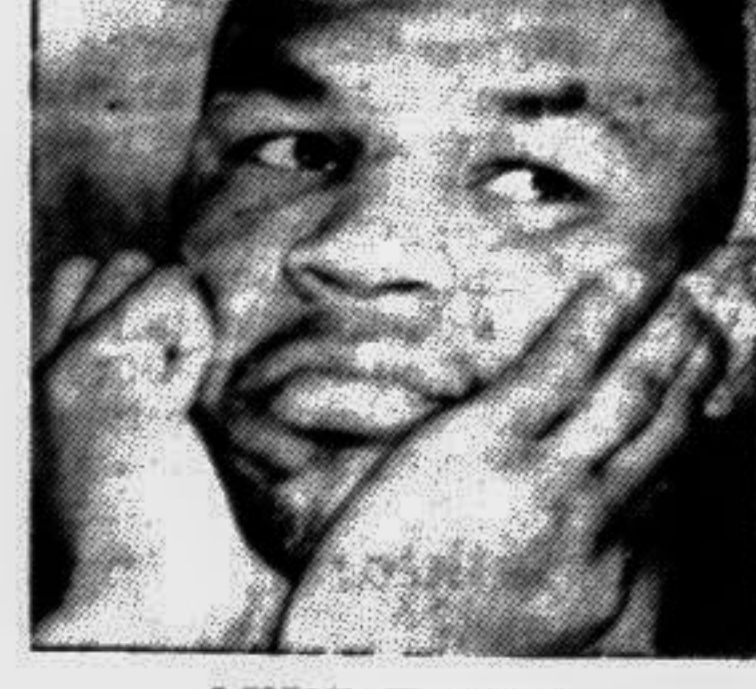
"His life has been without a purpose, he is a fragmented personality," said Ferdie Pacheco, TV boxing analyst known as the "fight doctor," who suggested Tyson could "benefit from therapy."

Veteran Los Angeles Times columnist Jim Murray did not mince words about Tyson's display in the ring.

Murray too urged Tyson be banned: "He should not be allowed to fight again unless it is against a hungry grizzly," he wrote. "He took pugilism back to the cave."

Holyfield's trainer Don Turner was asked by reporters about a re-match.

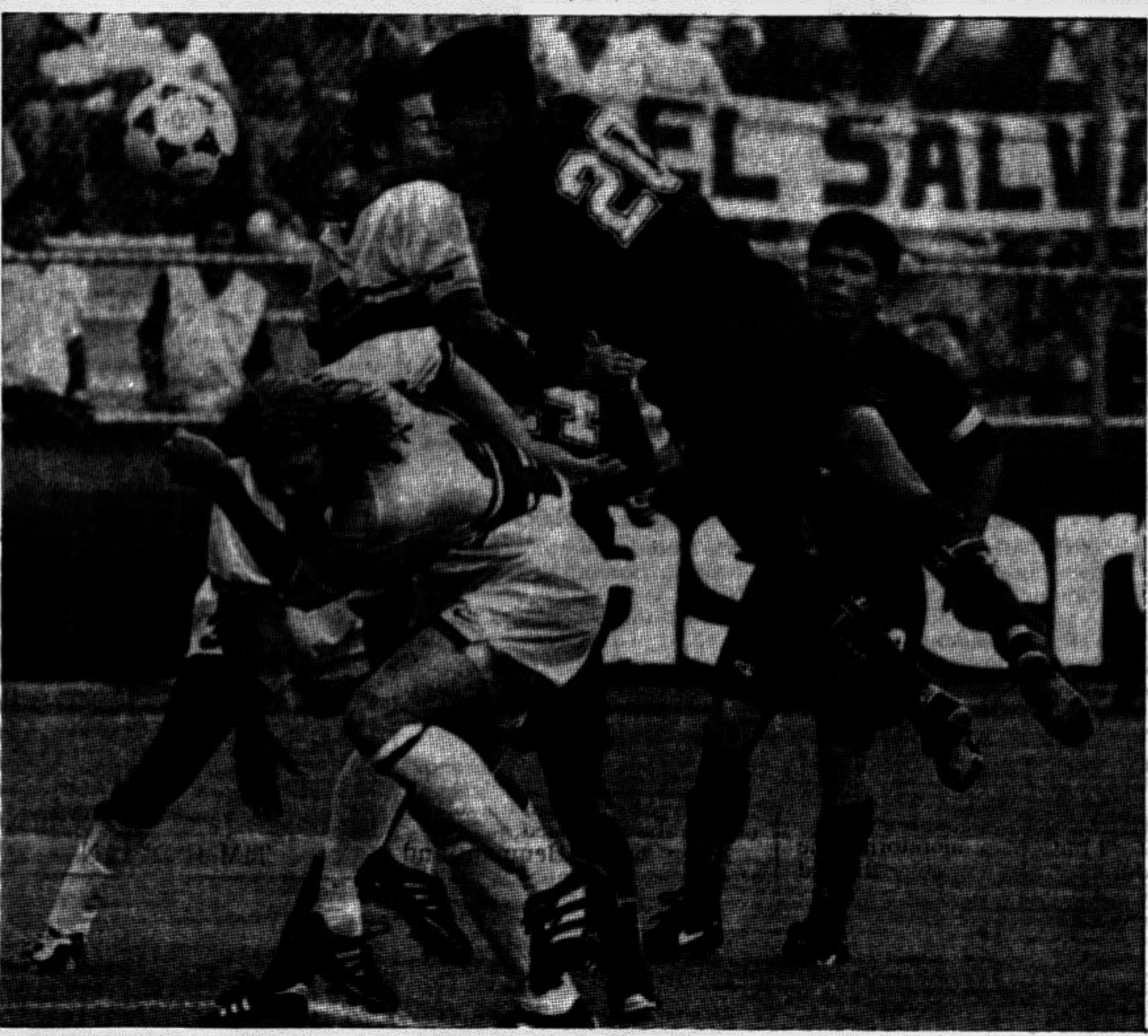
"If Tyson has his teeth removed, we'll accept the match," he deadpanned.



MIKE TYSON

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El Salvador's Wilfredo Sanabria (20) gets the better of a cramped Alexi Lalas of the United States during their CONCACAF World Cup qualifying encounter in San Salvador on June 29. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. —AFP/UNB photo



M Waugh back on song

LONDON, June 30: Mark Waugh ended a poor run of form with a classy 173 to give Australia a 309-run first innings lead on the second day of their three-day match against Hampshire on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Waugh, who has made just 90 runs in his past six innings, hit three sixes and 22 fours in his first tour century before being caught at slip off Simon Renshaw.

Captain Mark Taylor also continued his return to form, moving on from his overnight score of 61 to post his second tour hundred.

Taylor and Waugh put 157 for the third wicket in 36 overs before Taylor fell for 109 to John Stephenson.

Australia declared at 465 for eight and Hampshire reached 71 for two in their second innings at the close.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day match between Hampshire and Australia

on Sunday:  
**HAMPSHIRE:** First innings 156  
**AUSTRALIA:** First innings (overnight 157-2)

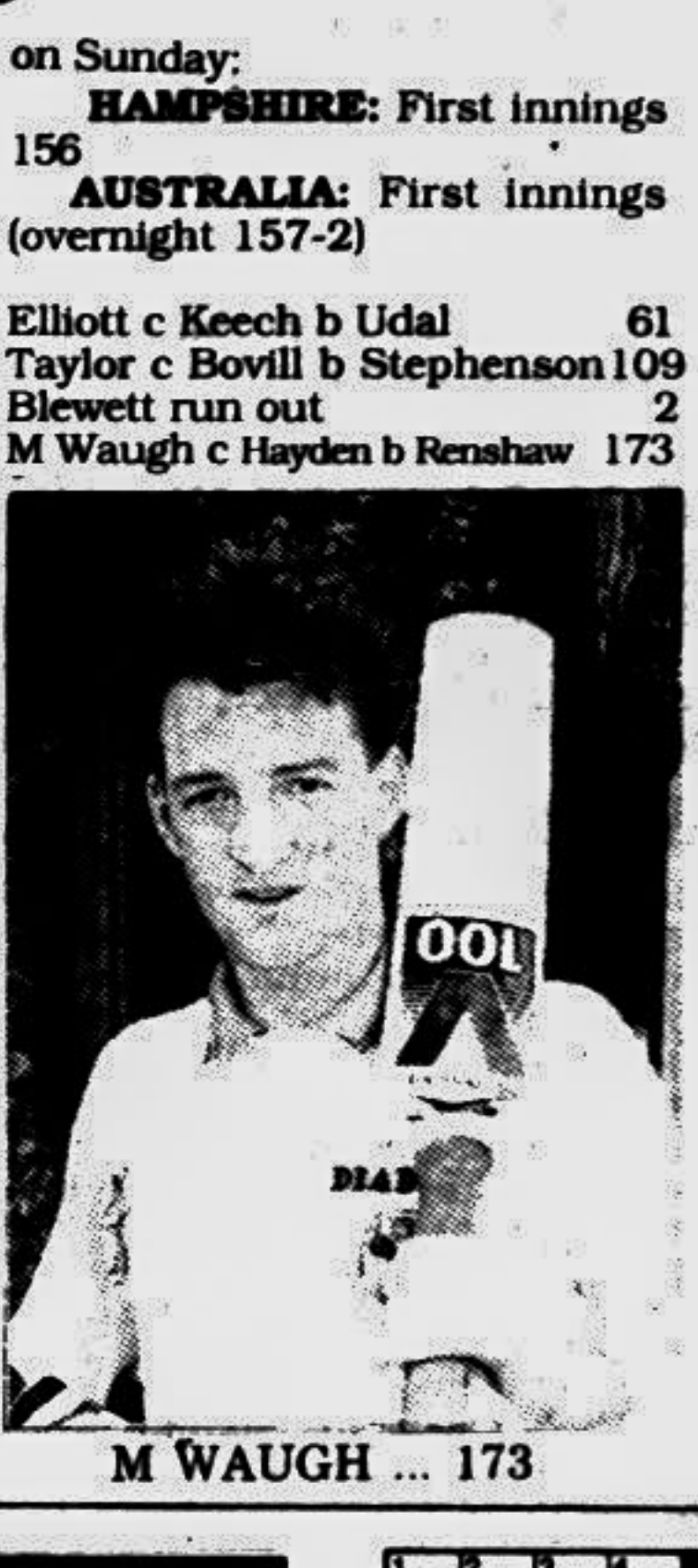
Elliott c Keach b Udal 61  
Taylor c Bovill b Stephenson 109  
Blewett run out 2  
M Waugh c Hayden b Renshaw 173

S. Waugh c Udal b Renshaw 11  
Bevan b Renshaw 24  
Healy not out 29  
Warne lbw b Stephenson 38  
Reffel lbw b Renshaw 1  
Kasprowicz not out 6  
Extras (lb-8, w-1 nb-2) 11  
Total (for 8 wickets declared) 465  
Fall of wickets: 1-95; 2-118; 3-275; 4-294; 5-377; 6-404; 7-448; 8-447

Did not bat: J. Gillespie

**BOWLING** O M R W  
Renshaw 27 5 107 4  
Bovill 26 7 87 0  
Milburn 21 3 96 0  
Stephenson 27 3 82 2  
Udal 20 1 85 1

**HAMPSHIRE:** Second innings  
Laney not out 27  
Hayden b Gillespie 2  
Keach c Kasprowicz b Gillespie 6  
Smith not out 31  
Extras (lb-1; nb-4) 5  
Total (for 2 wickets) 71  
Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-14



M WAUGH ... 173

Pioneer football

Sports Reporter

A brilliant hatrick by Hasan guided Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra to a 3-0 victory over Khilgaon Jubo Sangha in yesterday's Pioneer football league clash at the Basabo ground.

Hasan struck the goals in the 14th, 52nd and 59th minutes.

At the Rajuk ground, Pradeep Sangha recorded a 2-1 win over Prantik Krira Chakra.

Kamal was on target for Pradeep Sangha in the ninth and 52nd minutes while Sumon reduced the margin for Prantik in the 29th minute.

Away at the Mahakhali T&T ground, Diganta Majlish handed Maghbazar Sabuj Sangha a 0-3 defeat.

Liton, Kader and Akash scored one apiece.

In another match at the same venue, Manikdi Pravati Sangha beat Tejaon Nabataranga Sangha 2-1.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**

37 Man of many words  
38 4th anniversary gift  
5 Playwright  
9 One of the squad  
12 "Turandot" tune  
13 "Types" sequel  
14 Mimic  
15 "Dead Poets Society" advice  
17 Narrow inlet  
18 Cope  
19 Type of birch  
21 Slower train  
24 Rob of Hollywood  
25 Israel's capital  
26 Film work  
30 It's good for a breather  
31 Political coalition  
32 Chest protector  
33 Baywatch  
35 Wales' role  
36 History chapters

**DOWN**

3 Letter opener  
4 Welcome  
6 Arab  
7 Fish eggs  
8 Behave  
9 Travel with little luggage  
10 Flirtatious young woman  
11 Diamond  
12 Close up  
16 Wet wiggler  
20 Idolater's talisman  
21 Buddy  
22 Stage  
23 He may make a grand entrance  
24 Give temporarily  
26 Doggy-bag fill  
27 "Lilium" writer  
28 Prong  
29 Help a hood  
31 Jockey/whodunit author  
34 Raw rock  
35 Indiana city  
37 Kangaroo's kid  
38 Canadian emblem  
39 Shakespearean villain  
40 Tar (Sp.)  
41 Autumnal stone  
44 Cliche  
45 Tackle's teammate  
47 Apothecary's offerings



CRYPTOQUIP

IBGF SBUR BGT SRBNFC  
XMEEB TRUMPRNRK RPRN  
ZL EMXXMGZ BULGZ  
L G X M R I C I U R K ?  
Yesterday's Cryptogram: AN ALARMING RIOT IN A POST OFFICE OFTEN GETS CALLED A STAMPEDE.  
Today's Cryptogram clue: I equals C  
The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.